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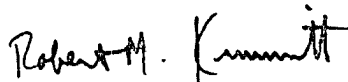
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BRIG GEN GEORGE A. JOULWAN
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SUBJECT: Press Guidance regarding Dr. Ikle's September 12
Speech to the Baltimore Council on Foreign Relations

The attached press guidance should be used in responding to further media queries on the subject. Please also find enclosed an extract from the September 13, 12:30 p.m. White House press briefing in which this issue was raised.


Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachments

- Tab A - Press Guidance regarding Dr. Ikle's Speech
- Tab B - Extract from September 13, 1983 White House Press Brief

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Tab A

PRESS GUIDANCE REGARDING
DR. IKLE'S SPEECH

- Contrary to the headlines Dr. Ikle does not call for a purely military solution for the problems in Central America.
- Dr. Ikle has emphasized the need for adequate security assistance and military support for the developing democracies in the region.
- It should be noted that the President has consistently called for a foreign policy based on four principal elements:
 - Social reform and human rights
 - Economic and humanitarian development assistance
 - Diplomatic solutions to regional problems
 - A security shield behind which these improvements can take place.
- Dr. Ikle's speech emphasizes this last point. It accurately notes that the President has not been provided with all the resources that have been requested to implement a successful policy in the region.
- It is also important to note that Dr. Ikle continues to call for a program that emphasizes the economic and humanitarian assistance that is necessary for the ultimate success of our policy.
- Finally, we must recognize that the diplomatic achievements and strengthened resolve of recent weeks would very likely have been impossible without the clear sign of commitment provided by our military assistance and exercises in the region.

Tab B

Q What's the event again?

MR. SPEAKES: The Republican National Hispanic Assembly fund-raising dinner. And that's it. Do you have any questions?

Q What are they raising money for?

MR. SPEAKES: The National Hispanic Assembly. Probably political --

Q Is that like --

Q Is Mr. Ikle speaking for the Administration when he said we have to win a military victory in Central America?

MR. SPEAKES: Well, I think you should read Mr. Ikle's speech in its full context rather than to try to seize on any specific phrase out of it. I think it does outline the President's policy, which remains the support for democracy, reform and human freedom; economic development; support for dialogue and negotiations and as the President has underscored many times, the importance of U.S. security assistance, not necessarily as an end in itself, but as a shield for the other goals of the policy.

Q Are you telling us Ikle did not say that the military victory was necessary in Central America?

MR. SPEAKES: I think what you should do is read his speech in its full context.

Q We did. We've read it, and he says you have to have a military victory to bring democracy to Central America.

MR. SPEAKES: Well, you obviously have not read the speech.

Q He didn't say that, Larry?

MR. SPEAKES: You obviously have not read the speech. He does not call for a military solution for the problems in Central America, solely a military solution. He has emphasized the need for adequate security assistance and military support for the developing democracies of the region. Once again, the basic goals are social reform and improvements; economic improvement, human rights and a security shield behind which these improvements can take place.

Dr. Ikle's speech emphasizes this last point. It has been accurately noted that the President has not been provided with all that has been requested of Congress or to implement our policy in the region. It is also important to note that Dr. Ikle continues to call for a program that emphasizes the economic and humanitarian assistance that is necessary for the ultimate success of our policy.

Q He does speak for the President, then?

MR. SPEAKES: Then finally, we must recognize that the diplomatic achievements and strength and resolve of recent weeks could likely have been impossible without a clear sign of commitment by our military assistance exercises in the region.

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Text of 1230, 13 Sep
SPEAKES Press Conference

Q And the President is thinking of adding eleven more military advisors to --

MR. SPEAKES: No. I think you've got that wrong also. As we said about a month ago --

Q How could a person be so wrong?

MR. SPEAKES: As we said about a month ago, the President had approved a policy where trainers will be trainers and that other personnel in the region doing the military -- doing the functions that do not have to do with training would not be counted in the 55 limit. We remain at the 55 limit.

Q So you're adding eleven more trainers?

MR. SPEAKES: No. We are staying at the 55 limit on trainers. The eleven that you're talking about are personnel, I think, involved with the Embassy and not involved with training of El Salvadorian troops.

Q What do they do?

MR. SPEAKES: What do they do at the Embassy? I could check the State Department or the Defense Department.

Q Why can't you answer it?

MR. SPEAKES: Because I don't know.

Don?

Q Do you have an update on Lebanon? Have we begun using any more firepower?

MR. SPEAKES: No.

Q What was his question?

MR. SPEAKES: Have we begun using any more firepower. No.

Q Do you have an update?

MR. SPEAKES: A situation report?

Q Yes.

MR. SPEAKES: The airport and the area around the Ambassador's residence are generally quiet. Radio Lebanon says the Lebanese Army has repulsed four attacks last night, their positions around Suq al Gharb. The LAF has announced that the coastal road south of Colitai is unsafe due to sporadic shelling. The Red Cross relief convoy carrying food and medicine has reached Deir Qumar. The press reports indicate that the trucks brought enough food for 30,000 people for three days. Ambassador Fairbanks is in Beirut, and Ambassador McFarlane is in Jidda for consultations.

Yes, Ben?

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